

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets ~~[[]]~~.

Please amend claims 1–7 as indicated below.

Please add new claim 8.

1. (Currently Amended) **Arrangement A locking device** for locking threaded pipe connections, **the locking device** comprising;

a first and a second ~~two~~ connection **units** ~~unit~~ which are threaded and ~~provide~~ **include** a female and a male threaded section, respectively, ~~which~~ **where the connection units** are **configured to be** screwed together **to form a pipe connection**, ~~the arrangement comprising: ;~~

a first and a second locking ring **disposed between the first and second connection units and concentric with the pipe connection**, each with **locking ring having** a first and a second side ~~which lock the connection units angularly with respect to each other, ;~~ **and**

an axial lock configured to prevent the first and second locking rings from moving towards each other in an axial direction when engaged;

characterized in that the first and second side of **each of** the locking rings **each** comprise **a plurality of** teeth and **separated by** intermediate notches, wherein **such that** the **teeth and notches on the first sides of the** first and second ring **are configured to** engage each other, ~~with corresponding teeth and notches on their first sides and~~ **and the teeth and notches** have a different number of notches and teeth formed on their **on the** second sides **of the first and second rings**, ~~which two second sides, facing~~ **face the** their respective **first and second** connection units, **respectively, and** are formed **configured** to engage a corresponding number of notches and teeth formed on a shoulder ~~on the~~ **of a** facing edge of the **their**

corresponding connection units, the number of teeth and notches on the second side of the first ring being different from the number of teeth and notches on the second side of the second ring;

so that upon screwing together the first and second connection units, after the the first and second locking rings are may be revolved together to a position in which they may be spread partially apart in an axial direction to engage the second sides of the locking rings with their corresponding connection units and, at the same time, maintain the mutual engagement between the first sides of the first and second rings, ring is maintained so that when the axial lock is engaged to maintain the separation between the first and second locking rings, rotation between the first and second connection unit is prevented.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Arrangement~~ The locking device according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking rings[[,]] are arranged to slide in ~~angularly~~ rotationally and axially ~~on shoulders on the connection units~~ while remaining disposed concentrically on the pipe connection.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Arrangement~~ The locking device according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking rings[[,]] are provided with teeth that have parallel flanks, and notches with slanted sides at the sides facing the connection units.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Arrangement~~ The locking device according to claim 1, characterized in that the connection units are provided with teeth with slanted flanks, and notches with parallel sides.

5. (Currently Amended) Arrangement The locking device according to claim 1, characterized in that the teeth and the notches in ~~the teeth~~ which the teeth engage are formed to provide a sufficient clearance after engagement to absorb possible small deformations of the locking rings.

6. (Currently Amended) Method A method for locking threaded pipe connection units utilizing the arrangement locking device according to claim 1, characterized in the following steps[::] :

~~-arranging two locking rings which engage each other via teeth and notches on their first sides, on a shoulder of the connection units,~~

~~- screwing the threaded connection units together[:.] ;~~

- revolving the first and second locking rings simultaneously to bring the teeth and notches on the second sides of the first and second locking rings into alignment with the corresponding notches and teeth on the shoulders of their corresponding connection units;

- spreading the first and second locking rings partially apart in an axial direction;

- engaging the teeth and notches of the second sides of the locking rings with their corresponding connection units while maintaining the mutual engagement between the teeth and notches of the first sides of the first and second rings; and

- engaging the axial lock, thereby locking the connection units with respect to a rotation between the first and second connection unit

~~- bringing the teeth and notches of the second sides of the locking rings into engagement with the notches and teeth of the connection units after screwing the connection units together by spreading the rings partially apart in an axial direction, and~~

~~- locking the locking rings with respect to each other in the axial direction by means of locking devices.~~

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 6, characterized in that the locking rings are manually spread apart in the axial direction, and that engaging the axial lock includes ~~are locked by means of~~ extending one or more locking bolts from one locking ring to the other.

8. (New) The locking device according to claim 1, wherein the first locking ring has an even number of both teeth and notches and the second locking ring has an odd number of both teeth and notches.